GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3157
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PERMISSION FOR RAILWAY CROSSINGS IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as many as 59 proposals of Government of Gujarat for permission of railway crossings are pending for approval at different levels in Railways since long;

(b) if so, the present position of those proposals alongwith the reasons for their pendency; and

(c) the time by when all the pending proposals are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) to (c) No, Sir. Only one proposal for permission of railway level crossing has been received from State Govt. of Gujarat. The State Government had proposed for provision of a manned railway level crossing on State Highway No. 36. For this purpose, the State Government had also deposited Rs. 28.71 lakhs in the year 1999. However, the State Government was advised that as per extant railway rules, provision of level crossing on National/State Highways is not permissible and that only Grade separator such a road over bridge can be provided. Secretary/R&B/Gujarat in his letters dated 27.07.07 and 14.08.07 has advised that due to financial constraint, the State Govt. is unable to consider provision of road over bridge and has requested for allowing level crossing at the said location.

Keeping in view the old commitment made, railway authorities are examining the request of the State Govt. and final decision in the matter would be taken soon.